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1. The disclosure on page 2 of the present specification and the submission of an English language abstract for JP-A-2003-41049 constitutes a concise statement of relevance of JP-A-2003-41049.

2. The disclosure on pages 2-3 of the present specification and the submission of an English language abstract for the publication JP 2-67238 corresponding to JP-B2-6-25086 constitutes a concise statement of relevance of JP-B2-6-25086.

3. The disclosure on page 3 of the present specification and the submission of an English language abstract for JP-A-2001-302844 constitutes a concise statement of relevance of JP-A-2001-302844.

4. The indication in the International Preliminary Report on Patentability submitted herewith and in the International Search Report submitted on August 9, 2006 of the degree of

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5. The indication in the International Preliminary Report on Patentability submitted herewith and in the International Search Report submitted on August 9, 2006 of the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office and the submission of an English language abstract for JP-A-2000-53800 constitutes a concise statement of relevance of JP-A-2000-53800.

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